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The Honorable Phil Gramm
United States Senator
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Dear Senator Gramm:

Thank you for your letter of February 24, 1997, on behalf of your constituent, Todd Renshaw, Chief of Police, Frisco, Texas. Chief Renshaw addresses the Commission's recent action in MM Docket 87-268, to reallocate channels 60-69, and encourages the Commission to make a portion of that spectrum available for public safety use.

On July 25, 1996, the Commission proposed guidelines for assigning frequencies for DTV and also provided a draft DTV Table of Allotments (See Sixth Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 87-268, FCC No. 96-317, released August 14, 1996). In this proceeding the Commission proposed to provide all existing television broadcasters with access to a 6 MHz channel for digital broadcasting on channels 7 to 51. This would permit the eventual recovery of 138 MHz of spectrum nationwide including 60 MHz from channels 60 through 69.

In the *Notice*, the Commission also stated that while it does not intend to decide whether to reallocate channels 60-69 in the DTV proceeding, it nonetheless recognizes that there are other uses for this spectrum. For example, this spectrum could be licensed for flexible mobile operations; a portion of it could be used to meet public safety needs; and/or a portion could be designated temporarily or permanently for low power TV and TV translator stations. If such an early recovery were to occur, we would initiate a separate allocation proceeding to decide how this spectrum should be used. While the Commission recognizes the spectrum needs of the public safety community, it has not yet developed details regarding the reallocation of this spectrum.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Smith

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MEMORANDUM

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My constituent has sent me the enclosed communication, and I would appreciate a response which addresses his/her concerns.

Please send your response, together with the constituent's correspondence, to the following address:

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February 12, 1997

The Honorable Phil Gramm
United States Senate
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Dear Senator Gramm:

I am the Chief Law Enforcement Officer of a rapidly growing municipality in a major metropolitan area of Texas. During my tenure with this city, my colleagues and I have worked diligently to improve the quality of public safety services provided to this community. We have fostered a partnership with our citizens that helps us address many of the challenges and complexities confronting modern police, fire, and emergency medical services. I am concerned that this city will no longer be able to sustain its current level of community advocacy because of an increasing inability to ensure the safety and security of our citizens due to inadequate public safety communications capabilities.

Public safety agencies are in desperate need of additional radio spectrum in order to alleviate radio frequency congestion. Critical incidents requiring mutual aid from many jurisdictions are escalating, making inter-agency communication capabilities vital. Additionally, public safety agencies, moving forward in the information age, need the ability to implement new communications technologies such as the transmission of high speed data and video to and from personnel in the field.

The FCC now has before it a proposal to reallocate radio spectrum currently reserved for UHF-TV channels 60-69. If this proposal is adopted, the FCC could allocate a portion of that spectrum for public safety use almost immediately. We understand that the FCC will be making its decision on this issue as early as March. Therefore, we hope that you will review this matter and indicate to the FCC commissioners that you support their efforts to reallocate channels 60-69, and to address public safety spectrum requirements. We thank you in advance for your efforts in this and all other matters of mutual concern.



Todd Renshaw
Chief of Police
Frisco, Texas